

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of Disclosure because it is too short. The abstract must be at least 50 words. Pursuant to the request of the Examiner, Applicants amend the Abstract of Disclosure of the specification by submitting a new Abstract of Disclosure, beginning on page 125, line 1, as follows

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**ABSTRACT**

C/ -- An element management system that can itself be used to perform automatic remote backup of the network elements. A backup procedure is launched on a programmed schedule, to maintain a centrally located copy of the local data stored in the network elements (or their subcomponents). In accordance with a particular embodiment of the present invention, a computer/software system for managing telecommunication network elements includes one or more operator-driven processes which monitor and manage network elements in real time, using at least one telecommunications network control channel. Background processes which remotely back-up information which had been locally stored in ones of said network is automatically initiated.

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